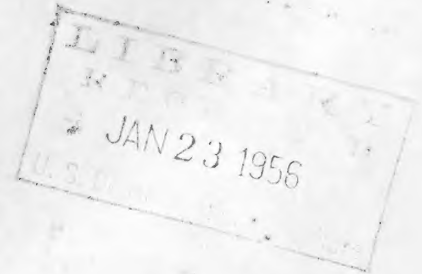


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GLADIOLUS SEED AND BULB LIST

RUSSELL B. KELLY  
Gladiolus Hybridizer  
MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS



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Cash with order. No C.O.D. and no order for less than \$2.00 please. All seeds and bulbs are sent prepaid. All seeds are guaranteed strictly hand pollinated and all bulbs are grown from hand pollinated seeds. If upon receipt of order you are not entirely satisfied, return same and your money will be refunded. Safe delivery of all shipments is guaranteed. I give very liberal overcount instead of discounts or extras.

Due to a season of extreme heat and drought my seed supply is somewhat limited. Therefore, when ordering seeds, please include a few substitute crosses if possible.

UNBLOOMED SEEDLING BULBS

Again this year I am offering unbloomed seedling bulbs only in mixture with no parentages given.

Each year I make many crosses which do not produce enough seed to list. These seeds are mixed with my unsold seeds at the end of the season and are planted especially for this seedling bulb mixture. The bulbs I am offering this season come from a mixture of about 275 different crosses and so will produce a very wide range of different colors and forms. Bulbs will average somewhat larger than those offered last season and a large percentage should bloom the first season if well grown.

Since my time is limited I grow only enough named crosses for my own use and so will have no bulbs of any kind to offer for sale except the above seedling mixture.

You are the originator of any seedlings you may select from these bulbs.

PRICE \$5.00 per 100  
\$45.00 per 1000

HAND POLLINATED GLADIOLUS SEEDS

Gladiolus seeds are very easy to grow either in the greenhouse or in the open ground and will produce blooms the second season if well grown.

Any good well-drained garden soil will do very well for gladiolus seedbeds without special preparation other than plowing and harrowing. Here in northeastern Massachusetts gladiolus seeds may be sown any time from the first of April until about the first of June, or as early in the spring as the soil can be worked. The soil should be smoothed and leveled with a rake and a good garden fertilizer worked into the surface at the rate of 4 to 5 pounds to each 100 square feet. I use 4-10-10 commercial grade fertilizer.

For best results seeds should be sown in rows, spacing seeds about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch apart and covering with not over  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of soil. When planting large quantities of seed I have found it to be considerably less work to plant in blocks, broadcasting seed and raking in, as in sowing lawn seed, however, this method is not recommended for plantings

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# Russell B. Kelly

*Gladiolus Hybridizer*

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

R. F. D. or St. \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Express Office \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

If We Are Out of What You Order Shall We

( ) Refund ( ) Substitute Nearest Size ( ) Substitute Nearest Variety

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of less than a thousand or more seeds of a cross. Better germination and larger bulbs will result from carefull spacing of seeds and a uniform covering of soil.

From planting time until seedlings reach a hight of three inches it is essential that they be shaded at all times. Partial shade may be had by the use of lath shades, burlap, straw, brush, or any method that will keep the direct rays of the sun from drying out the top half inch of soil. When plants are well established all shade should be removed.

The soil should be kept fairly moist until seeds germinate, however, too much water applied when plants are very small is apt to encourage damping-off and other fungus diseases. After shade is removed the soil will dry out much more quickly in full sunlight and watering will be necessary to keep plants growing vigorously.. If soil is allowed to dry out for any length of time, plants may stop growing and will sometimes remain stunted for the rest of the season even after the soil again becomes moist. Soil between rows should be kept loose by frequent shallow cultivating especially during hot dry weather.

Seedling bulbs should be dug about two weeks earlier than flowering size bulbs or at least before foliage shows any sign of turning brown. Usually about 70% blooming size bulbs may be expected.

Blooms from seedling bulbs will average much larger than those grown from the same size bulbs from bulblets, and every bloom will be different from any other in existance, either in color, form of floret, size or growth, or in all these characteristics.

In the following list the first named variety is the seed parent in all crosses.

Seeds will be sold only in packets containing at least 30 seeds of one cross. Most packets will contain considerably more than 30 seeds, however, I guarantee 30 plump seeds in each packet.

PRICE 50¢ per packet

Atom x Orange Butterfly	Pactolus x Flicker
Atom x White Satin	Pactolus x Figurine
Atom x Kewpie	Pactolus x Sunspot Seedling
Autumn Moon x Catherine Beath	Queen Of Bremen x Salmans Sensation
Autumn Meon x Yellow Herald	Queen of Bremen x Oberbayern
Autumn Moon x Gold	Queen of Bremen x The Orchid
Boccherini x Salmans Glory	Rhett Butler x Carnival
Boccherini x Sunspot	Rhett Butler x Gremlin
Bo Peep x White Satin	Southern Belle x Cherokee
Kewpie x Cherry Jam	Southern Belle x Tan Glow
Kewpie x Bo Peep	Snowdrift x White Goddess
Kewpie x Maria Goretti	Snowdrift x Starlight
Lady Jane x Florence Nightingale	Sundance x Autumn Moon
Lady Jane x Sierra Snow	Sundance x Yellow Herald
Lady Jane x Maria Goretti	Snow Clad x White Lace
Oberbayern x Pfitzers Sensation	Snow Clad x Maria Goretti
Oberbayern x Better Times	Snow Clad x Florence Nightingale
Oberbayern x Taurus	Snow Clad x White Satin
Ophir x Flicker	Snow Clad x Sharchris seedling
Ophir x Figurine	White Satin x The Orchid
Ophir x Nedie	White Satin x Queen of Bremen
Pink Diamond x Phantom Beauty	
Pink Diamond x Peggy Ann	
Pink Diamond x Giant salmon seedling	
Pactolus x Ophir	

